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**HOLLOWELL FAMILY PAPERS**  
**1834-1861**  
**HOLLOWELL, FRANK, MISS**  
**(1880-1962)**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The papers of Miss Frank Hollowell (1880-1962), a notable Nashville musician of more than 60 years service in both church and community activities, were given to the Manuscript Section of the Tennessee State Library and Archives by her niece, Mrs. Glen Crouch of Roanoke, Virginia. The gift was made shortly after Miss Hollowell's death on July 28, 1962.

The materials in this finding aid measure 3.2 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Hollowell Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The papers of Miss Frank Hollowell contain correspondence, address, biographical sketches, genealogical data, clippings, diaries, photographs, memorabilia, and school records dating from 1834 to 1961. R. D. T. (Dallum) Hollowell, a brother, provides the major portion of correspondence, and covers various subjects during the period from 1902-1957. Educated in the Nashville Public Schools, Hollowell, in 1928, became secretary of the Non-Ferrous Ingot Metal Institute, where, as a staunch conservative, he etched for himself a remarkable business record. Strongly anti-New Deal, his letters during the 30's and early 40's lucidly deal with current business problems, and forcefully denounce the "socialistic trends" of the Federal Government.

Included in the correspondence of an earlier period are letters from Miss Hollowell's grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. R. B. C. Howell, and her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hollowell. Grandmother Howell's letters to her children reveal her characteristic maternal warmth and spiritual interest for her family. One of the most interesting items in the collection is a journal kept by Mrs. Frank Hollowell during the early years of the Civil War. At that time, only a teenager, Mrs. Hollowell wrote, often in some detail, of local events and thoughts concerning secession. Several pages briefly, but clearly, touch on her feelings when Nashville was overrun and captured by Union forces.

Genealogical and biographical data contain wills, sketches, and varied accounts of the Howell and Hollowell families. Newspaper clippings deal with no particular subject, but include noteworthy items on local, state, and Confederate history.

In addition to the above individuals, other correspondents in this collection are Rev. D. W. Gwin, Mrs. R. D. T. Hollowell, R. D. T. Hollowell Jr., Morton B. Howell, G. Charlton Smith, and Eugene Jones. Intimate friends supply innumerable letters covering a wide range of subjects.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

### Miss Frank Hollowell

- 1880 March 1      Born in Nashville, Tennessee, Miss Frank Hollowell was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hollowell. Of Quaker ancestry, Dr. Hollowell was born in Old Jefferson, Rutherford County, Tennessee, March 6, 1838. When the Civil War began, he enlisted as a private in Colonel McNairy's Battalion of Cavalry, serving there until his capture at Vicksburg in April, 1863. Following his exchange, he joined Forrest's cavalry, where he was promoted to the rank of captain. After the war, he attended the Nashville Medical School, from which he graduated in 1867 to enter upon a highly successful medical career, which was terminated by his untimely death in 1887.
- Anna Howell, 1843-1894, Dr. Hollowell's wife, was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. B. C. Howell, early Baptist leaders in Virginia and Tennessee. Anna, an intelligent, bewitching youngster, fell deeply in love with her distant cousin, Frank, shortly after he enrolled in medical school. Before her marriage and after the death of her husband, she was a successful teacher in Nashville schools.
- 1905 c.a.          Became organist at First Baptist Church. She served in this position for over 50 years.
- 1925 c.a.          Organist for radio program "Hymns of Memory," a weekly show for 26 years over station WSM.
- Early in life, Miss Hollowell revealed a remarkable devotion to musical study. She was Nashville's only licensed music teacher in the original Dunning Graded Course of Music Study. A pioneer in local music groups, she was a charter member of the Music and Art Teachers' Guild; charter member of the Central Tennessee Chapter of the American Guild of Organists; charter member of the Vendredi Music Club; and a member of the Centennial Club. She traveled extensively and, at one time, maintained substantial financial investments, many of which, were lost during the depression of the 1930's.
- 1962, July 28      Died in Nashville. Her funeral service was held in the First Baptist Church on July 31.

## CONTAINER LIST

### **Box 1**

1. Addresses – Miscellaneous
2. Album – Autograph book
3. Announcements and Invitations
4. Biographical Sketch – Dr. Frank Hollowell
5. Biographical Sketch – Morton B. Howell
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7. Clippings – Articles pertaining to family
8. Clippings – Baptist Church
9. Clippings – Confederate History
10. Clippings – Death Notices
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12. Clippings – Engagements and Announcements
13. Clippings – Miss Frank Hollowell
14. Clippings – Miscellaneous Collection
15. Clippings – Nashville and Tennessee History
16. Clippings – Nashville People and Events
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### **Box 2**

1. Correspondence – Rev. D. W. Gwin, 1880
2. Correspondence – Anna Howell Hollowell, 1854-69
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5. Correspondence – To Anna Howell Hollowell
6. Correspondence – Anna Howell Hollowell's notebook written shortly before her death
7. Correspondence – Dr. Frank Hollowell, 1867-69
8. Correspondence – Dr. Frank Hollowell, 1870-76
9. Correspondence – Dr. Frank Hollowell, undated
10. Correspondence – Miss Frank Hollowell, 1889-1907
11. Correspondence – To Miss Frank Hollowell, A-C
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**Box 3**

1. Correspondence – R. D. T. Hollowell, 1902-16
2. Correspondence – R. D. T. Hollowell, 1917-31
3. Correspondence – R. D. T. Hollowell, 1932-37
4. Correspondence – R. D. T. Hollowell, 1938-42
5. Correspondence – R. D. T. Hollowell, 1943-49
6. Correspondence – R. D. T. Hollowell, 1950-57
7. Correspondence – R. D. T. Hollowell, undated
8. Correspondence – R. D. T. Hollowell Jr., 1915-43
9. Correspondence – Mrs. R. D. T. Hollowell, 1913-61
10. Correspondence – Mrs. R. D. T. Hollowell, undated
11. Correspondence – Mrs. Mary Ann Howell, 1843-68
12. Correspondence – Rev. R. B. C. Howell, 1834-58
13. Correspondence – Miscellaneous letters of sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hollowell following death of their son, Robbie
14. Correspondence – General family
15. Correspondence – Morton B. Howell, 1878-97

**Box 4**

1. Correspondence – Eugene Jones, 1897-98
2. Correspondence – Eugene Jones, 1899-1908
3. Correspondence – G. Charlton Smith, 1902-1904
4. Correspondence – G. Charlton Smith, 1905-06
5. Correspondence – G. Charlton Smith, 1907-10

**Box 5**

1. Diaries – Anna Howell Hollowell and Miss Frank Hollowell
2. Genealogical data
3. Genealogical data – wills
4. Memorabilia
5. Memoranda – Miscellaneous
6. Personal items – Anna Howell Hollowell
7. Personal items – Miss Frank Hollowell
8. Personal items – R. D. T. Hollowell

**Box 6**

1. Photographs – Beersheba Springs
2. Photographs – Howell-Hollowell Family
3. Photographs – Miss Frank Hollowell
4. Photographs – R. D. T. Hollowell
5. Photographs – Miscellaneous

**Box 7**

1. Photographs – unidentified
2. Photographs – Howell family
3. Picture postal cards
4. Poetry and quotations – Miss Frank Hollowell
5. Printed data – Miscellaneous

**Box 8**

1. Recipes
2. Schools – Dr. Frank Hollowell’s Medical Notebook
3. Schools – R. D. T. Hollowell’s notebooks
4. Schools – Anna Howell Hollowell’s themes and notes
5. Sketch – R. B. C. Howell, Baptist minister
6. Teaching and recital notes – Miss Frank Hollowell
7. Teaching materials – Dunning system of music study
8. Writings – “The History and Adventures of Selas, An African Prince.”